

a days trip up to that strange little
 republic of San Marino, way up in the
 mountains. This was all new country
 to me. We then came to Florence, stayed
 one one Sunday & then went off for a five
 days trip to Siena, Perugia & Orvieto &
 a few other little places well gathered in on
 the way. That was a perfectly wonder-
 ful trip & so full of interest. The country
 is very beautiful & just at the time we
 were there the grapes were being gathered.
 Every hill side was just overloaded with
 the vines & the grapes hanging in most wonderful
 purple & green clusters. Men, women &
 children were picking & the baskets &
 boxes of fruit were piled on curious old
 carts & drawn away by the huge white
 oxen which are so picturesque. The
 olive trees were full of fruit - not that
 harvest comes later. We also saw
 figs & pomegranates, the latter new
 to me & very delicious.

Now we are comfortably settled in
 Florence & hope to stay here for several
 weeks. I can go for another five